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More on their plate at CPS

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

The Chicopee Public Schools Food Service Department has had much on its plate over the past four months. From March 16, the first day of school closures, to June 15, the final day of the academic year, the department served 315,021 meals to the city's students.

There has been no rest for the weary this summer either, as many Food Services employees have assumed added responsibilities. In addition to serving youths, the department is now providing meals to Chicopee seniors twice each week at Dupont Middle School.

"Normally, we do a summer program for the elderly in the Dupont cafeteria. Obviously, we weren't able to serve them during the [pandemic] so we put our heads together with WestMass ElderCare and teamed up on this curbside pickup program because we did still want to provide meals for the seniors in our community," said Melanie Wilk, director of Food Services.

The curbside pickup program began on July 14 and will occur every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meals are distributed in school's side parking lot, which is accessible off of Academy Street.

No pre-registration or identification is necessary, but individuals who receive meals must be over the age of 60 and live in Chicopee. A donation of $1 per meal is suggested, but individuals who are unable to afford the cost will not be turned away.

Thus far, the program has been highly successful. Each session has seen a significant increase in demand in comparison to the one that occurred prior.

"The first day we served about 50 people. The second day we served about 100 and

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A food services employee distributes a meal to a local senior on the afternoon of July 23.
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EDUCATION

School Committee split on in-person meetings

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The Chicopee School Committee is split over the decision to resume meetings inside of district headquarters at 180 Broadway St. On July 22, seven representatives arrived on scene while the remaining four phoned into the meeting.

Physically split, the committee is divided regarding how exactly to proceed. Ward 1 representative James Tanhauser is contending the district's decision to resume in-person meetings.

"I think that it's unnecessary. I think that in 2020 we've made so many strides with technology, and our city has invested so much in technology, that we should use it and not put people needlessly at risk just for good perception in the public eye. I'm not here for perception; I'm here to do what's right," said Tanhauser, who phoned in during last week's meeting.

Ward 8 representative David Schryver opposes Tanhauser's stance. He acknowledged that Google Hangout provided the committee with an adequate means of communication over the past four months but added that he will report to wherever his presence is requested.

"If I'm told that I have to be at a certain place, I'm going to be there no matter what," said Schryver. "Mr. Tanhauser spoke very critically of the seven of us who were there, but the majority of us had our masks on. We didn't show up just to show up. We were under the impression that this is how it would be from now on."

As Schryver alluded to, seven committee members were allowed to attend the meeting in-person in accordance to safety protocols. No clear guidelines were established prior to the meeting outlining how members could reserve a space; the lack of details created an aura of confusion.

"When you allow seven people, how do you determine that? Is it the first seven to the door; everyone race? I couldn't even tell you who put this out there or who made this decision. We don't have to call in to say if we're attending or not. We either attend or don't. There's a lot that could change at the drop of a hat; what if eight members want to come," said Tanhauser.

Donald Lamothe, Ward 7 representative, arrived at 180 Broadway St. to attend the July 22 meeting. With members spread six-feet apart, Lamothe was comfortable in the environment. He also believes that it is important for the committee to set an example for teachers who will likely

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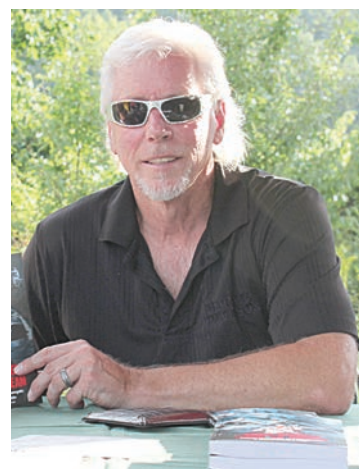

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Neal recognizes HCSD staff, inmates for PPE production

LUDLOW – Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent shortage of personal protective equipment, the Hampden County Sheriff's Office has produced more than 67,000 masks as well as hundreds of face shields and medical gowns.

U.S. Rep. Richard Neal (D-Springfield), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, spent time July 15 touring the department's York Street Industries job training program and thanking Sheriff Nick Cocchi, the staff and the offender population for helping the community when it was needed the most.

"There are many dimensions to American life and a second chance is part of it. What they've done is embrace that great sense of optimism," Neal said. "If you use your time here correctly, you can gain re-entry to the community with a skill set. It's pretty extraordinary."

The York Street Industries program has 49 active workers and 72 on a waiting list waiting to participate. Everyone volunteers to participate in the program and once they are in, they are paid a stipend that can accumulate and provide money to be used to get back on their feet upon release from custody. The department's goal with its vocational training programs is to secure good-paying jobs upon their return to the community.

Cocchi, in reflecting on the program's goals in light of the current climate surrounding law enforcement in general in the nation, said he feels it is an example of how trust can be built.

"It's our job to play our part and bring back that trust from the public when it comes to law enforcement. And we do it by treating people fairly, humanely and giving them opportunities," he said. "The men and women here are trying to learn a skill to better themselves, and go back to the community as more law-abiding and productive citizens. If we can help them do that, we know we're making a difference and moving things in the right direction."

Based on the capabilities of the York Street Industries program, which teaches incarcerated individuals manufacturing skills that can translate to good-paying jobs post-release, the shift to PPE production made sense. The program shifted from normal daily operations to focus on mask production, not only for in-house needs but for all of the sheriff's departments in Massachusetts, local first responders, parole, funeral homes, hospitals and health care providers, and many more local essential businesses and workers in need of such equipment.

All areas of York Street Industries were directly affected as a result of the PPE production. The program is still catching up on orders and other production efforts as staff from our other industries programs including graphics, building trades and welding programs chipped in to stay late during the week, and come in on weekends to help keep production going during the initial wave of need.

During the temporary lock-down, when the incarcerated individuals in HCSD custody weren't allowed to participate out of concern for their safety, staff from various areas of the department who had the skills to operate the sewing machines worked to keep the PPE production going.

Unlike disposable PPE, these items are manufactured with the durability to be washed to medical disinfectant standards and reused. At its peak, the production spanned two shifts for a total of 16 hours a day at both the Main Institution in Ludlow and the Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee.

The COVID-19 pandemic prompted the Sheriff's Office to completely change the way it operates in the interest of maintaining the health and safety of the people in its custody, the staff, and the general public.

The department is still pausing in-person visits and increasing capacity for video visits and video appearances in court. Every single staff member, including the sheriff, is screened and medically cleared before each shift to ensure everyone is healthy and symptom-free.

Comprehensive testing of every individual in the department's custody revealed a cluster of just 12 infected individuals, all of whom have since recovered. No staff members are currently out with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis.

Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi poses with U.S. Rep. Richard Neal during a visit.
SUBMITTED PHOTOS

U.S. Rep. Richard Neal visited the Hampden County Sheriff's Department's PPE production program and thanked staff and inmates for producing more than 67,000 face masks, as well as shields and gowns.

Baker announces $20M to support vital social services, small businesses

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration recently announced $19.6 million for municipalities to address emergency needs in light of the coronavirus pandemic. This funding will support 181 communities in their work to provide vital services to low-income residents and small businesses affected by the recent outbreak.

Local governments and regional consortiums will fund social services, including homelessness prevention, food pantries and assistance, and job training for in-demand health care workers and technicians. Many communities will also make grants available for local small businesses with five or less employees. A total of 36 lead awardees will organize within their respective municipality or region to deliver services.

The Department of Housing and Community Development made the $19.6 million award through the federally funded Community Development Block Grant program. Congress allocated new emergency funding for the program through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act – the CARES Act – to address substantial needs in low and moderate-income communities affected by the pandemic. DHCD has received $46 million in special CDBG funds so far and is distributing funding across municipalities and stakeholders to meet increased needs, with a focus on helping households maintain housing stability.

In June, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a $20 million Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance program, which is also funded in part through this federal allocation. This new fund will help more low-income households who have lost employment or income due to the pandemic maintain stable housing, and builds on DHCD's existing homelessness prevention program, RAFT. In March, Governor Baker announced a $5 million infusion for the fund to address increased need.

DHCD has received more than $160 million in federal funding through the CARES Act, including more than $20 million that has been distributed to Community Action Agencies for anti-poverty work, and is preparing to allocate additional funding for shelter providers. DHCD continues to be in close contact with the stakeholder network, and is working with CHAPA and Mass Housing Partnership to track local emergency rental assistance programs and other resources available to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This month, the Baker-Polito Administration unveiled a COVID-19 economic recovery package to respond to challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The $275 million package, designed to promote equity across the commonwealth, includes $85 million for housing efforts, including investments in neighborhood stabilization and sustainable, climate resilient affordable housing, as well as $50 million in targeted relief for small and minority-owned businesses.

Virtual walk to help National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts

AGAWAM – The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts will be holding its 20th Annual Walkathon Virtual Celebration, 'A Journey of Hope and Recovery on Aug. 23, starting at 11 a.m.

The event is suitable for all ages and abilities and will directly benefit NAMI Western Massachusetts continuing efforts to help improve the lives of those individuals living with mental health conditions and their families.

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization. NAMI provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can Build Better Lives.

Folks may help NAMI-WM's mission by participating in this Virtual Walk or by sponsoring the event. Anyone who would like to submit a brief video saying how NAMI-WM has helped them or a loved one or how they maintain good mental health during these difficult times, these would be most appreciated. Videos should be two minutes or less, and the deadline is Aug.7. All entries should be emailed to information@namiwm.org. For further information, contact NAMI's office at 413-786-9139 or visit www.namiwm.org/events for entry and sponsorship forms.

Doctor offers insight to airborne spread of COVID-19

SPRINGFIELD – There is a new international debate surrounding COVID-19 and the spread of the infection.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health organizations have long thought that the novel coronavirus is spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in close contact within one another (within six feet). This spread is through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths, noses or eyes of people who are nearby or be inhaled into the lungs. Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Now in a letter sent to the World Health Organization signed by more than 200 scientists, they claim that aerosolized droplets floating in the air can cause infection. They urged WHO to react to what they claim is "mounting evidence."

"They are raising the specter that COVID-19 could theoretically be transmitted by the airborne route," said Dr. Sarah Haessler, lead epidemiologist and infectious disease specialist for Baystate Health.

Aerosols are small particles that can remain suspended in air for longer periods of time than most respiratory secretions and are small and light enough to sometimes travel longer distances. Certain viruses such as smallpox and measles, and bacteria, such as the agent that causes tuberculosis, are expelled as aerosols and can therefore be transmitted by the "airborne route."

Most respiratory viruses are transmitted by the "droplet" route, which means that they are expelled as larger particles that are heavier and fall to the ground in a span of three to six feet from an infected person. This is from where the social distancing recommendation of six feet derives, noted Haessler. For these agents, a facemask is appropriate protection, along with eye coverings, gloves and downs, especially for healthcare workers.

"In the hospital, we use a special type of respirator mask called N95, which is required for protection when treating patients whose viruses can become aerosolized," said Haessler.

According to Haessler, the letter to WHO predominantly represents the opinion of laboratory scientists and researchers, many of whom are from "particle science" and other engineering-type disciplines and basic, but importantly not clinical – science positions.

"While it may be accurate that under certain laboratory conditions, the COVID-19 virus can form aerosols, there is scant data to present to suggest that this infection is generally transmitted that way," Haessler said. "In fact, the preponderance of actual clinical and epidemiologic information – including data from or own experiences at Baystate over the past four months of the pandemic – strongly suggest that this virus is primarily transmitted by respiratory droplets."

Haessler has reassurance for the public who may have read about the debate and the letter sent to WHO, and who are worried about their protection from the virus.

"Universal masking, hand hygiene and social distancing are still the main ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 since clinical data strongly suggests the virus is mainly transmitted through respiratory droplets, as we have known since the early beginnings of the novel coronavirus data," she said. "To further stop the virus and protect yourselves and others, remember to wear a mask when around others, keep a safe distance from others, cover your coughs and sneezes, and to wash your hands often."

For more information on Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org.

Senate passes bill to invest $17 billion in Mass. transportation

Bill includes authorization for East-West Rail project

BOSTON – State Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Logmeadow), vice chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation recently joined colleagues in the Senate in passing legislation to jumpstart investment in transportation infrastructure and make the commonwealth's transportation system more reliable and accessible to residents.

The legislation includes provisions authored by Lesser on Regional Ballot Initiatives to give communities the option to invest and vote on local projects. The bill also includes a $50,000 authorization for East-West Rail as a down payment on preparatory work as the MassDOT study nears completion and momentum builds on a federal level.

"Communities have been hit hard by the pandemic and job losses are at all-time highs. There has never been a more urgent need to invest in our infrastructure and create jobs in every corner of our state," said Lesser. "The investments called for in this legislation will put thousands of people to work and will help restore our economy in every region of our commonwealth."

The bill, "An Act Authorizing and Accelerating Transportation Investment," authorizes roughly $17 billion in bonds for a variety of infrastructure projects, including both upkeep and maintenance, as well as modernization. In addition to addressing issues such as construction, regional initiatives, traffic congestion and transportation network company data sharing, the legislation addresses equity in the transportation system by requiring a low-income fare program, which will provide discounted transit fares to qualifying riders on MBTA transportation and commuter rail, starting on Jan. 1, 2022.

To further aid the Department in reducing congestion, the bill establishes a special commission on roadway and congestion pricing, which would also investigate and recommend options for regionally equitable roadway pricing mechanisms. Additionally, the bill allows public authorities to more clearly include time as a factor in evaluating private bids for construction projects. The Department is required to conduct a study examining the potential of mileage-based revenue-collection as an alternative to the current system of toll roads.

In a move that will give regions better control over their transportation infrastructure, the bill allows cities and towns, upon local acceptance by local government and local voters at the ballot, to utilize certain revenue sources for transportation-related projects within the municipality or region. These regional ballot initiatives are utilized across the county to allow cities and towns to raise money locally to invest in local transportation projects.

At the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, two new offices are created by the bill: An Office of Bus Transformation and an Office of Rail Enhancement. Each office would be dedicated to improving the productivity, equity and environmental sustainability of its respective system. The Department is given new authorities in establishing speed limits in construction zones and in using blue lights to mark construction activities, where permitted by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Furthermore, the Department would be authorized to enter fixed-price job order contracts with a contractor for the contractor's performance of a specific construction project.

The bill also addresses the growth of transportation network companies and the public's need to be informed. It requires that such companies submit monthly reports to the Transportation Network Companies Division of the Department of Public Utilities. That division is then required to make an annual report, publicly available on its website, posting the total number of rides provided by all transportation network companies, as well as the cities and towns in which those rides originated and terminated, and average miles and minutes of rides which terminated in a different town than they originated. The bill would also establish regulations for scooters and e-bikes.

The bill also defines and regulates the amounts of fines for several transportation-related activities. Penalties are defined for improper use of a designated bus lane, for railroads who fail to provide timely and sufficient flaggers, speeding in an active construction zone, nonpayment of citations, and failure to move a vehicle involved in a crash from a travel lane on a public way. Passengers who fail to pay or prepay fares would be subject to less punitive punishment and arrest for fare evasion on the MBTA transit system would be prohibited.

The bill must now be reconciled with legislation previously passed by the state's House of Representatives.

Rep. Richard Neal names humanities grants recipients

STOCKBRIDGE – U.S. Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-Springfield) joined Massachusetts Humanities Executive Director Brian Boyles, and Director and CEO of the Norman Rockwell Museum Laurie Norton Moffatt for the announcement of 14 grants to organizations in Western Massachusetts from the National Endowment of the Humanities totaling $72,500.

This funding was made possible through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act that was signed into law at the end of March.

"As one of the authors of the CARES Act where this important funding originated, I could not be more proud of the success Berkshire County organizations, and those across Western and Central Massachusetts, had with their applications," said Neal. "This is what the CARES Act was meant to do – as give businesses the means to get back to work and give members of the American family the means to support them.

Among the grant recipients is the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning, of Chicopee, who received $2,500.

Mass Humanities awarded grants ranging from $2,500 to $10,000 to support operating expenses at museums, libraries, archives and other nonprofit organizations across Massachusetts impacted by COVID-19. Eligible organizations were evaluated on audiences served, budget size, the centrality of the humanities to their mission, and financial losses incurred by COVID-19. Priority was given to geographic diversity and organizations with annual budgets of less than $300,000.

Across the 87 cities and towns that make up the First Congressional District of Massachusetts 26 organizations were awarded funding from Mass Humanities for a total of $135,000.

Sherriff Cocchi postpones 2020 summer cookout

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi has postponed this year's summer cookout.

The cookout typically draws people from across the commonwealth and although Massachusetts has seen significant success in flattening the curve of the novel coronavirus, the sheriff doesn't want to take chances when it comes to health and safety.

"We considered several possibilities for social distancing, but it just made sense to cancel this year's event," said Cocchi. "We don't know where things will stand with the pandemic come August and the last thing we want to do is help facilitate anyone getting sick."

Cocchi's team is working on planning a similar event to take place outdoors in October, assuming it is safe to hold such an event at that time. Details on that gathering, if it proceeds, will be forthcoming as the fall approaches.

"As much as we are ready for this to be over, we have to remain cautious to keep everybody safe and healthy," Cocchi said. "We are hopeful about putting something together for the fall, but regardless, we are already looking forward to next year's summer cookout. It's always nice to see the people we serve alongside our law enforcement community and our legislators, and we will get together when it's safe to do so."

EDITORIAL

Hot cars are no place for pets

If you wouldn't leave a baby unattended in a hot car, why would you leave a pet? It may be the dog days of summer, but that doesn't mean pet owners should subject their furry family members to the season's sweltering days. With temperatures in Western Massachusetts reaching the 80s and forecast to hover there this week, it's important to realize the effects of summer on those who can't boldly express just how hot they are – pets.

While it may be convenient while you stop inside a store for a quick pick-up, it's not the right thing to do, potentially fatal and it's against the law.

In August 2016, Gov. Charlie Baker signed "An Act Preventing to Animal Suffering and Death," which "prohibits the confinement of animals to vehicles where they are subject to danger from extreme weather conditions, limits the length animals can be tethered outdoors, and enables first responders and bystanders to assist in their rescue." With this legislation, fire responders as well as bystanders, are able to enter a vehicle to rescue an animal on a hot day after calling 911. Immunity from civil or criminal liability is given to first responders and bystanders, and those who leave pets in vehicles during extreme weather will be subject to a fine.

Cars become ovens during the summertime, in or out of a heat wave. According to a study of 16 vehicles conducted between the summer months of May and August by the San Francisco State University Department of Geosciences, the average temperature inside of a vehicle rises 19 degrees within 10 minutes. In 20 minutes, the temperature rises 29 degrees. After 30 minutes, the temperature rises by 34 degrees. And after one hour, the temperature rises an average 43 degrees. The study found leaving the windows partially open does little to reduce a vehicle's interior temperature.

Coloring of a dashboard and seat matter too – the darker the color, the hotter it will become. A dark dashboard or seat can reach temperatures between 180 and 200 degrees Fahrenheit in the sun (water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit).

It doesn't take long for a pet to overheat or experience heat stroke when left in a vehicle. Symptoms of a dog in trouble include excessive drooling, heavy panting, rapid or difficulty breathing, staggering, weakness and disorientation. Heat stroke occurs when a pet's temperature rises above 106 degrees. Animals affected by heat-stroke can die in minutes without immediate and proper attention.

During these dog days summer – and even in extreme temperatures on the colder end of the scale – remember: nobody should leave their "fur baby" in a car.

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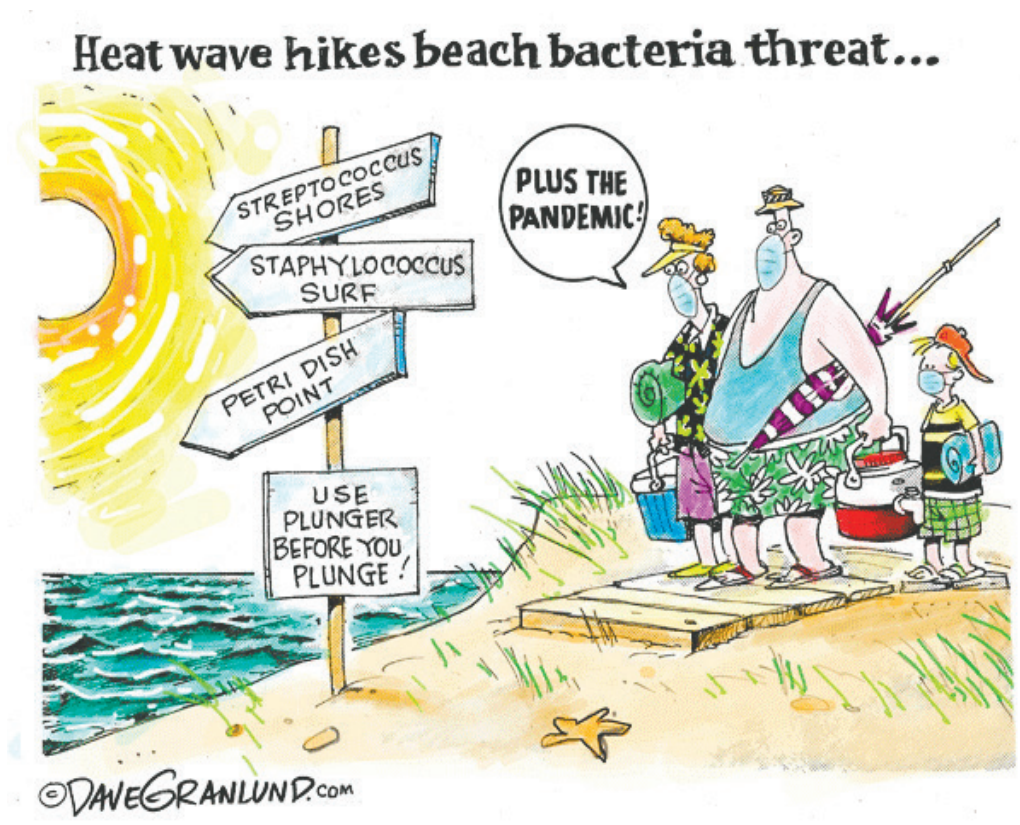

GUEST COLUMN

Cleome, a welcome volunteer

Recently, I was weeding an area of my yard that had been a fern garden. I never had such a distaste for ferns until I tried to eradicate them, mat-like roots and all. I vowed henceforth that every new sprout would be removed immediately and within a month of my initial labor, I found myself back in the same garden, yanking up all the baby ferns, crabgrass, purslane and the like. To my surprise, however, there was a friend among the foes! A cleome, sometimes known as spider flower, had seeded itself. Had the seed lay dormant for years only to be exposed to the light now that the ferns were gone? One is never certain how volunteers make their way to the landscape.

Cleome was one of the flowers that my mother and I planted in the annual border along the foundation of our house; for that reason it holds a special place in my heart. As a child, I was drawn to the seed pods of this peculiar plant; if you waited until they were "just right" and gave them a squeeze, the seeds would fly everywhere. What fun! This attribute gives the plant tremendous "staying power" in the garden. In other words, it pops up everywhere the following season (and maybe seasons later?). This can be a very good thing if you enjoy having the cleome around as much as I do.

Spider flower goes by the scientific name Cleome hasslerana. Older cultivars such as 'Helen Campbell' and the 'Queen' series top off at an airy four or five feet tall, while the newer 'Sparkler' hybrids are a bit shorter and bushier. Besides white, spider flower comes in pink, cherry and lavender. It was given such a unique name because of the flower's long, slender stamens that remind one of spider legs protruding from the plant. The stamens hold the eventual seed pods a distance away giving them even more "popping power."

Because cleomes are flower producing power-houses, they sometimes become exhausted by midsummer; their lower leaves yellow and flowers start to fade. I always thought that if they were dead-headed like other, more common annuals were, maybe they would last longer into the season. So, as an experiment I clipped the seed-pods close to the plant as soon as they began to form. Unfortunately the overall form of the plant was altered, not for the better, and with little reward for my work. Then I began to search out what exactly cleomes need in order to thrive with the idea if perhaps I met those requirements I'd have better luck.

I had always known that cleomes prefer full sun and well-drained soil. What I didn't know was that they also like fertile soil and space away from one another. In other words, three per 18" container will not work and regular doses of liquid feed are a must.

In the north, the cleome's habit of self-sowing doesn't become annoying, but in warmer areas it can become weedy. Clipping the seed-pods as mentioned above would "nip this problem in the bud." Seedlings that develop from volunteers will likely be a blend color-wise of the plants you grew last year because they are cross-pollinated by insects. Only time will tell what color my cleome flower will be. I can't wait to see it and have it drop all of its wonderful seeds just in time for next year's garden.

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Fire Marshal urges safe pool chemical handling

Summer is here and with residents spending more time than normal at home this year, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding pool owners to make sure their chemicals are handled and stored properly.

"Pool chemicals can be dangerous when they become wet or are mixed with other chemicals," said Ostroskey. "Make sure all chemicals are stored in a secure and dry area, and carefully follow all manufacturer's instructions when using them."

Ostroskey said local fire departments have responded to seeral emergencies involving pool chemicals and several individuals have required trips to the hospital as a result. He said simple precautions can prevent an enjoyable afternoon from becoming a stressful visit to the emergency room.

"Call 9-1-1 when you first suspect something is not right and get everyone outside into fresh air," he said.

According to the Division of Fire Services, in June of this year a state hazardous materials team responded to a home in Whitman, where a resident had caused several minor explosions by mixing two pool chemicals together. The resident sustained minor hearing damage because of the explosions.

Earlier this month, a state hazardous materials team responded to a home in Agawam, where pool chemicals that were being mixed inside the home caused two people to go to the hospital. A similar incident a few days later in West Bridgewater resulted in another person being transported to the hospital.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, more than 4,000 people nationwide visit the hospital with pool chemical related injuries each year.

To prevent a dangerous incident at home, pool owners are encouraged to read and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully. Use gloves, eye protection and masks as indicated on the packaging.

Children should never handle pool chemicals, and even teenagers should not do so without constant adult supervision.

Folks are advised to put lids on chemical containers whenever they are done with them. When containers are left open, water can get in and react with the chemicals. When using powder-based chemicals, folks should remember: powder in the water, not water in the powder.

Thoroughly clean tools and equipment that were used to handle one chemical before using them with a different chemical to avoid dangerous reactions.

Spilled substances (from damaged containers or accidents) must be cleaned up and disposed of properly to avoid creating an inadvertent chemical reaction.

Mixing chemicals can lead to a chemical reaction that may generate temperatures high enough to ignite nearby combustible materials. Mixing can also lead to the release of highly toxic and dangerous chlorine gas. Mixing should always be done outdoors in well-ventilated areas.

DFS notes proper pool chemical storage is important. Pool owners should review how they store their pool chemicals to identify and correct situations where chemicals could be intentionally or accidentally mixed.

Pool owners should separate incompatible substances, as the most common pool chemicals are inherently incompatible with each other, so be sure to keep them apart. They should also avoid storing containers of liquids above containers of powders or other incompatible substances to prevent accidental mixing caused by leaking containers.

Avoid mixing old chemicals with fresh chemicals, even if they are the same type.

Use separate, designated scoops for each chemical. Handle only one chemical at a time and make sure that tools used with one substance are not used with another unless all residues are removed. Folks should also use separate, designated containers for cleanup of spilled materials to avoid inadvertent mixing of spilled substances. Consult a local hazardous waste disposal facility for more detailed information on proper waste disposal.

Store pool chemicals outside the home or attached garage. A locked stand-alone shed is recommended. Locked storage areas can keep children, pets and unauthorized users out.

When disposing of chemicals, DFS cautions never to dispose of chemicals down the drain. Take old chemicals to a household hazardous waste collection day, when available, or to a commercial hazardous waste facility. Since sodium hypochlorite (bleach) is the same chemical used in most water treatment facilities, check to see if your local plant will accept the chemical.

For more information about how to store and use pool chemicals safely, visit www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/aquatics-professionals/pool-chemical-safety.html; www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/hazardous/hhwhome.htm; or www.epa.gov/rmp/chemical-safety-alert-safe-storage-and-handling-swimming-pool-chemicals.

Virtual run steps off in support of children on Saturday, August 1

SPRINGFIELD – At a time when many people are seeking fun, new ways to stay in touch with friends and family and stay active, the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation announced its first ever Dunkin' JOY Run.

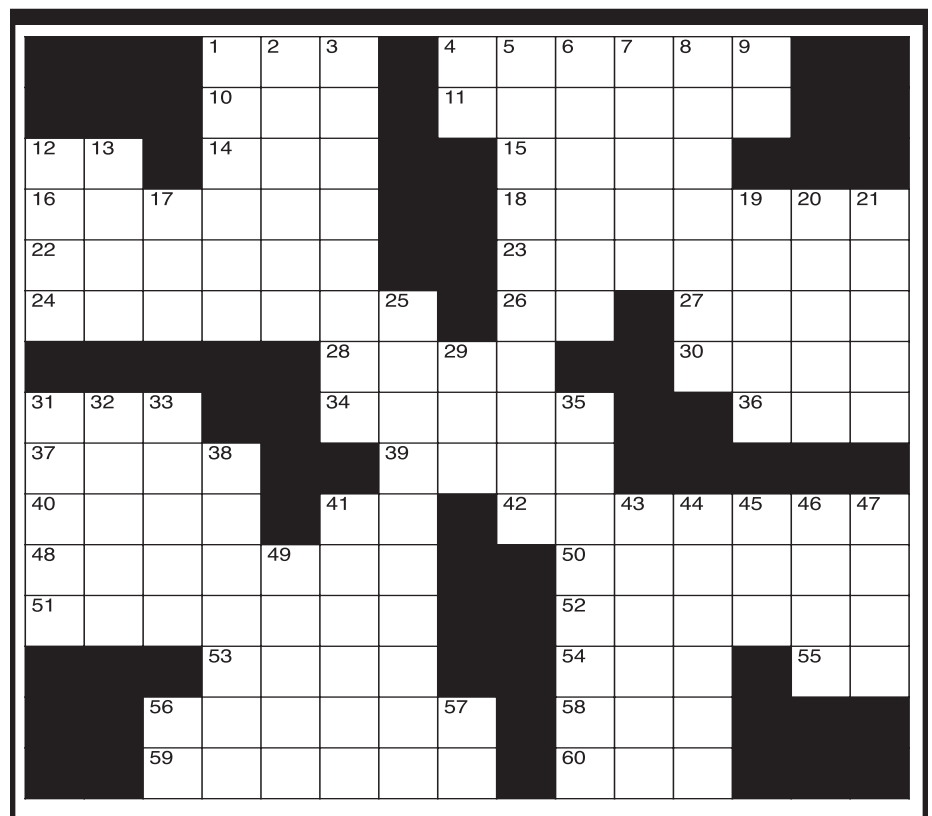
The virtual program steps off Saturday, Aug. 1 and invites Dunkin' fans across Western Massachusetts to run or walk throughout the month of August. All funds raised for the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation through the Dunkin' JOY Run will be directed to health and hunger organizations supporting children in underserved communities.

Runners and walkers can register to participate in the Dunkin' JOY Run at www.bringjoy.org. Participants who register at the Dunkin' Runner level will receive a Dunkin' JOY Run T-shirt, as well as the opportunity to see their picture displayed on one of Dunkin's hometown billboards in Boston this year. All registrants will receive digital photo filters and gifs so they can share their progress on social media during the month.

Dunkin' JOY Run participants can fundraise to support the Foundation and receive incentives for their fundraising achievements, with no minimum fundraising requirement to participate. Participants can create a personal fundraising page and fundraise as individuals, join a team, or start a team. As they hit fundraising levels, participants will become eligible to receive Dunkin' shoelaces, hats, coffee mugs and sweatshirts – with the top fundraising individual receiving free coffee for a year donated by Dunkin'.

"While Western Mass. runs on Dunkin', this virtual race is a fun way to keep our community runnin' for a good cause," said Dunkin' franchise owner Peter Martins. "This year has been unlike any other and has only strengthened our commitment to the communities and families we serve. We're looking forward to getting out there and running to raise funds for health and hunger relief for children in underserved communities."

To learn more about the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation, and find additional details about the Dunkin' JOY Run, visit www.bringjoy.org.



CLUES ACROSS
1. Central processing unit
4. Military action
10. How electricity gets to train carriages (abbr.)
11. Unsafe
12. Of (French)
14. Autonomic nervous system
15. Type of bean
16. Accuse formally of a crime
18. Promote
22. Type of lava
23. Meat from a deer
24. Herbaceous plants
26. Potato state
27. Helsinki neighborhood
28. Sports officials
30. Shout wildly
31. Reptile genus
34. Frocks
36. Born of
37. N. Scandinavian indigenous people
39. Poultry cage
40. Aquatic insect genus
41. Of I
42. Ad __: tirelessly repetitive
48. Item
50. Produce
51. Seedless raisin
52. Bond in a third party's control
53. Legendary character __ Finn
54. Space station
55. Note at the end of a letter
56. In a way, contradicted
58. Midway between northeast and east
59. Bears important traffic
60. Brooklyn hoopster

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2. Artist's tool
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4. Commercial
5. Something to watch
6. Chased
7. Commercial producers
8. Keyboard instrument
9. Blue grass state
12. Phonograph recording
13. Unusual
17. Popular average
19. A native or inhabitant of Asia
20. N. Sweden river
21. Related on the mother's side
25. Mediator
29. Partner of to
31. Arm bones
32. Korean seafood dish
33. Tap of the foot
35. Astronauts
38. Carolina footballer
41. Indiana city
43. Of or relating to bears
44. Not widely known
45. Body part
46. At the peak
47. High-pitched cries of a cat
49. A way to intimidate
56. Prosecutor
57. Atomic #66

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Students earn Dean's List honors at Fairfield

FAIRFIELD, Conn. – Fairfield University recently named its Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. To earn the distinction, a student must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.50 and complete at least 12 credit hours in a semester. From Chicopee are Kevin Johnson and Lynn O'Shea.

Bryant University names spring Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, R.I. – Bryant University recognized those students who have been named to the Deans' List for the spring 2020 semester. From Chicopee are Kayla Batalha and Kylie Ratelle.

Springfield Technical Community College announces 2020 nursing graduates

SPRINGFIELD – A total of 84 graduates of the Class of 2020 at Springfield Technical Community College earned associate degrees in nursing.

From Chicopee are Paris Burton, Francesca Caramante, Heather Gillespie, Jessica Giroux, Zari Gushman, Rebecca Labonte, Kimberlee Mattoon, Aleksandra Swiatlowski and Holly Wedderspoon.

The program prepares students for careers as registered nurses. Students graduating from the program are eligible to take the licensing exam by the National Council Examination to become registered nurses. The two-year program admits new students each fall.

The STCC Nursing curriculum includes classroom lectures, a nursing skills laboratory, participation in patient simulation in the nationally recognized SIMS Medical Center (www.simsmedicalcenter.com), and clinical rotations each semester which take place in a variety of hospitals and health care agencies in the Springfield and the Pioneer Valley region of Western Massachusetts.

New England Army engineers receive new commander

CONCORD – Col. John A. Atilano II became the 38th commander of New England-based Army engineers during recent a change of command ceremony at the district's Concord headquarters. He assumed leadership from Col. William M. Conde.

"I am honored to command the New England District," Atilano said. "These are unprecedented times in our nation's history, but I know we can overcome any obstacle in our way because that's what the Corps does every day! I am proud to join the extremely talented team of professionals in the New England District as we work together engineering solutions for our nation's toughest challenges."

Atilano takes command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' responsibilities in the New England District's six-state region, which covers a 66,000 square mile region. In this role, Atilano will lead Corps efforts in environmental restoration programs, shoreline protection, studies concerning water supply and quality, dredge material disposal, and comprehensive studies of regional river basins to name a few. Ongoing projects challenges he'll lead include regulatory activities, navigation and dredging, environmental restoration, clean up at former defense sites and other issues.

A native of Sacramento, California, Atilano is a graduate of the University of San Francisco with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Behavior. He also holds four master's degrees: Public Policy Administration; Public Administration; Military Art and Science; and Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Conde, who has led the district for the past three years, will retire from the Army on Nov. 30, 2020, with more than 30 years of service to the nation.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Fall high school sports delayed through September

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REGION – In what is a very ominous sign for the future of high school sports in the 2020-2021 school year, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has postponed the beginning of fall sports to the middle of September.

Last Tuesday, a virtual meeting of the MIAA Board of Directors took place, with a unanimous vote in favor of moving the state date of fall sports to Sept. 14. This means actual contests may not be played until the end of September. This could result in almost only a half season of action in fall sports, and some sports could still be cancelled altogether.

The state and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is planning to issue additional guidance in the coming month which could change how the MIAA approaches fall sports.

Currently, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is in Phase 3 of its re-opening plan, but Phase 3 is to remain stalled until either an impactful treatment or a vaccine for COVID-19 is developed and available for the public at large, allowing life to seemingly return to normal.

In Phase 3, Gov. Charlie Baker and his administration have labeled soccer, football, and basketball as sports that are "high-risk" and involve too much close contact. Ef-

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RACING

Fellows picks up another win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Modified ace Ben Byrne earned his second victory lap of the summer Saturday, July 25, topping the 40-lap main event on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway.

Aaron Fellows stayed undefeated this season, winning a thriller in the Late Model Sportsmen, while the Curtis twins, Chase and Jaret, finished one-two in the Street Stocks to increase their standings atop the points parade.

Gordon Farnum topped the Mini Stocks for the third time this summer, and Pure Stock kingpin Chris Davis put a string of recent misfortunes behind him, romping to victory Friday. Short track legend Randy Cabral won the 30-lap NEMA Midget feature, with Avery Stohr victorious in the NEMA Lites.

Defending Sportsman Modified champion Todd Patnode and Keith Carzello led the 18-car NHSTRA field to the green, with Patnode – fresh off nightmare outings in each of the previous two weeks – set on reversing his fortunes.

To that end, the Swanzey hot shoe set a torrid pace for the first 13 go-rounds. Brian Chapin took the lead on lap 14 and, the next time around, Patnode pitted under green, mov-

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Aaron Fellows was a winner in the late-model sportsman race.
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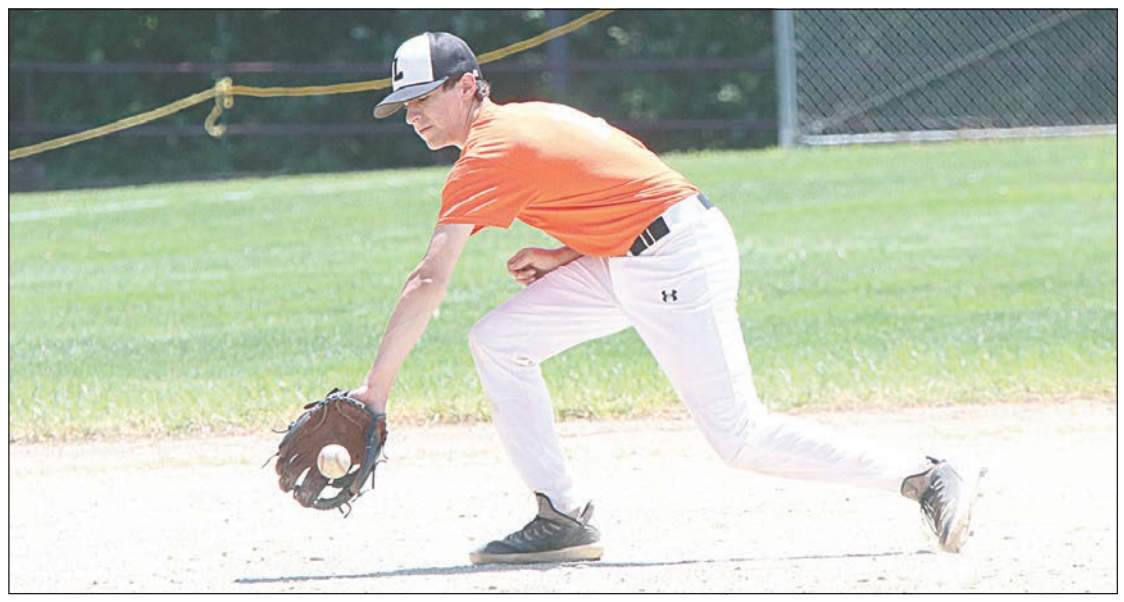
High school baseball action continues



An Agawam player makes a backhand play at shortstop.
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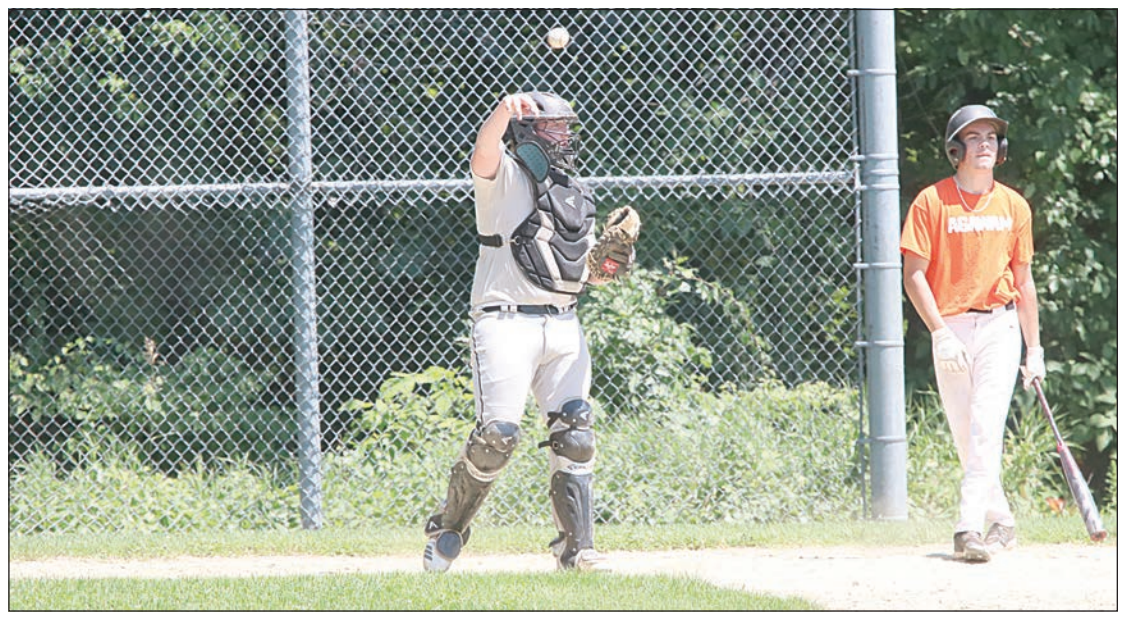

Baseball has continued this summer as high-school-age players have formed their own junior and senior "Legion teams.

Baseball was played in Monson, Greenfield, and other locations on a bright Sunday.

Baseball action will continue through August in the high school league.

Umpires continue to work from behind the mound calling balls and strikes.

A Monson-Palmer player makes a throw back to the infield.

Matt Hirschman takes win at Star Speedway

EPPING, N.H. — Matt Hirschman wasn't about to be denied. The Pennsylvania native, who is no stranger to Victory Lane on the Tri Track Open Modified Series circuit, returned to glory on Saturday night at Star Speedway in the ninth annual SBM race.

But the ride to victory wasn't one that came without difficulty, especially at the end. Hirschman dominated the beginning, taking the lead on lap 25 and leading through lap 83, before a controlled caution slowed the race. While some elected to stay out, Hirschman worked to pit road for a fresh Hoosier tire, the charge started back to the front from ninth position. He would eventually pass Matt Swanson for the top spot on a restart at lap 112 and never look back.

It was the fifth win in the prestigious event for Hirschman, who is one of just two drivers to compete in all previous SBM races. The race was 121 laps, in honor of track owner and operator Bobby Webber's son Tim Webber, who turned 21-years-old the week of the race.

The purse for the event was over $40,000, a figure that didn't change post-COVID pandemic. Due to COVID-19, and guidance from the state of New Hampshire, Star Speedway ran at 50% capacity for the event in the grandstands, and sold out. Tri Track and Star officials made sure that all social distancing and safe health practices were in place.

"I've always enjoyed coming here, winning the first time I have ever came here, and having all of this success I've had in this SBM race after that," Hirschman said. "Going back to the original races, it was, and has been, a big deal for us."

Swanson, who started 27th after earning a provisional into the race, played a different strategy than Hirschman did, and it almost paid off. Swanson elected not to pit as part of the controlled caution period on lap 83, and took over the lead when most others went down pit road. Swanson led the race from lap 83-112, before Hirschman took control when Swanson spun his tires on the restart.

Swanson would finish second, while Andy Jankowiak, who played a similar strategy and stayed out, finished third. Jankowiak was involved in a wreck on lap 25 with veteran Dave Sapienza, but was able to rebound.

Ronnie Williams started third and finished fourth, and Eric Goodale made his return to the Tri Track Series and rounded out the top five. NASCAR Cup Series regular Ryan Preece was sixth in his return to Modified racing, while Anthony Nocella, Austin Kochenash, Cam McDermott and Ron Silk finished the top-10.

Earlier in the day, Ron Silk, Matt Hirschman, Andy Shaw and Andy Jankowiak won heat races, while Anthony Nocella and Calvin Carroll earned consi wins. Both heat and consi winners collected $300 courtesy of the Pepsi Challenge.

Swanson, who passed 25 Modifieds en route to the front, earned a $500 hard charger bonus courtesy of Green Construction. Since pole sitter Austin Kochenash didn't win the race, courtesy of Superior Refinishing, the next race on the circuit will pay a $600 bonus if the pole sitter wins the race.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series returns to the track on Saturday, August 15, with the second stop of the season at Monadnock Speedway.

RESULTS: Tri Track Open Modified Series; Star Speedway; July 25:

1. Matt Hirschman
2. Matt Swanson
3. Andy Jankowiak
4. Ronnie Williams
5. Eric Goodale
6. Ryan Preece
7. Anthony Nocella
8. Austin Kochenash
9. Cam McDermott
10. Ron Silk
11. Calvin Carroll
12. Kurt Vigeant
13. Kirk Alexander
14. Craig Lutz
15. Bryan Narducci
16. Devin O'Connell
17. Andy Shaw
18. Les Rose Jr.
19. Dylan Izzo
20. Tommy Barrett
21. Dave Sapienza
22. Richard Savary
23. Ryan Doucette
24. Les Hinckley
25. Carl Medeiros Jr.
26. Dana DiMatteo
27. Josh Cantara

Racing to resume in Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, Conn. – Econn Motorsports and Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park announced this week an agreement that will enable oval track racing to continue on the famed 5/8th mile at Thompson, CT.

Plans currently call for Econn Motorsports to also host an open practice on Wednesday, August 5. Racing is set to resume with the Bud 150 on Wednesday August 19 and the Sunoco World Series on October 9-11. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is expected to headline both race dates. The parties are exploring the possibility of additional race meets during 2020.

Econn Motorsports is a newly formed race promotion and consulting firm headed by Terry Eames, former General Manager of Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. "The COVID-19 pandemic put oval track racing at Thompson in 2020 at risk. We are proud to announce that the Hoenig family and Econn have found a way for oval track racing to continue during the track's 80th year and beyond", Eames said.

Specific details of next week's practice will be available over the next several days at EconnMotorsports.com. Tickets will only be available online and in advance in keeping with the policies set forth by the State of Connecticut designed to limit the spread of COVID-19.

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fectively, while practices can occur, all contests of those three sports are banned currently. The guidance specifically bans the sports at the recreational and "amateur" level, but does not specifically ban them at the high school level.

Part of the rationale in delaying the start of fall sports is for the DESE to wrap its head around the actual opening of school, and to determine whether or not learning will take place online, in-school, or hybrid of the two. Once that is determined, the MIAA will have to figure out how athletic practices and contests will work in a situation like that, including determining eligibility for students "attending school" and dealing with transportation.

The MIAA has a COVID-19 Task Force that is working with the state government and collecting guidance and information regularly. It was the task force that made the Sept. 14 recommendation to the MIAA BOD.

The season was originally supposed to start on Aug. 21.

Other concepts that have been explored was the possibility of playing baseball and softball in fall season and moving soccer and football to spring. The idea was turned down in the early stages out of risk that a baseball or softball player could "lose two seasons."

The board also unanimously passed a recommendation to suspend the end-of-game handshakes until further notice to reduce contact between teams.

Currently, only high school-age baseball and some softball tournaments are being played in Massachusetts with sanitization and social distancing being adhered to.

Among sports that could be played in the fall currently are volleyball, cross country, field hockey, and golf. It is not yet known if high school students will be allowed to play football or soccer this fall.

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ing Byrne up to second, with points leader and previous week's winner Brian Robie in close tow.

Byrne was relentless over the next 18 circuits, finally taking the lead from the top lane on lap 32, with Chapin then bobbling on a restart to move Robie up to second, from where he would add to his points lead, earning valuable breathing room ahead of Trevor Bleau, who finished 15th on the night.

A week earlier, Aaron Fellows kept his undefeated season intact by passing Cole Littlewood with only two laps to go en route to Late Model Sportsman victory lane. Friday, he again passed Littlewood late in the game, this time on turn three of the final lap to add more luster to his unblemished record.

Littlewood, third a week earlier, held on for second Friday, with Robert Hagar coming home third. Willie Kuhn and Justin Littlewood completed the top five.

Hillary Renaud, gunning for two in a row in the sizzling Streets, led the first 14 circuits of her 25-lapper but then blinked, quickly finding herself back in forth as the flying Curtis twins, Chase and Jaret, stormed past, bringing Tommy O'Sullivan with them.

It was Chase Curtis first under the checkers, with his points-leading sibling Jaret riding in his shadow. Renaud's fourth-place run moved her up to fifth in points. Friday's victory was Chase Curtis'second of the summer, with both his father Chris and brother Jaret also having topped Street Stock features.

Ben Byrne was a winner again in the sportsman modified race. SUBMITTED PHOTO

It took Gordon Farnum eight laps to come from row three to the point in the Mini Stock feature but, once there, he checked out on the field to score his third win of the summer. Kevin Clayton, strong all night, came home second, just ahead of Mark Panaroni.

Pure Stock powerhouse Chris Davis shook the late-race bugaboos that had plagued him in recent weeks Friday, taking control on lap two and then checking out. While Davis made it look easy, a tight battle raged behind him, with Mike Douglas emerging strong to cop the runner-up honors, just in front of Claremont regular Dylan Adams, who made his high-banks debut successful in third.

In the night's Iron Mike Memorial NEMA Midget main event, open-wheel legend Randy Cabral did what he's done at least once over the last 20 years. Cabral blasted to victory in the caution-free 30-lapper, taking the checkers ahead of Todd Bertrand and early-race leader Paul Scally. Avery Stohr topped the Lites 30-lapper.

Next Saturday, August 1, the Granite State Pro Stock Series will return to the Winchester high banks, where they'll battle in a 100-lap main event. For more information, please visit www.monadnock-speedway.com.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY JULY 25 TOP TENS:

SPORTSMAN MODIFIED: Ben Byrne, Brian Robie, Brian Chapin, Keith Carzello, Russ Hersey, Solomon Brow, Cory Plummer, Cameron Houle, Andy Major, Jerry Gomarlo.

PURE STOCK: Chris Davis, Mike Douglas, Dylan Adams, Brandon Lavoie, Nick Houle, Doug Nelson, Cory Lofland, J.D. Stockwell, Reagan Buffum, Jimmy Zellman.

MINI STOCK: Gordon Farnum, Kevin Clayton, Mark Panaroni, Nathan Wenzel, Bill Chaffee, Kevin McKnight, Jake Puchalski, Jared Roy, Jeff Asselin.

STREET STOCK: Chase Curtis, Jaret Curtis, Tommy O'Sullivan, Hillary Renaud, Mike Hopkins, Chris Buffone, Mike Radzuik, Kyle Gero, Paul Barnard, Tim Wenzel.

LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN: Aaron Fellows, Cole Littlewood, Robert Hagar, Willie Kuhn, Justin Littlewood, Ron Laperche, James Beck, Nancy Muni Ruot, Billy McCarthy, Camdyn Curtis.

NEMA MIDGETS (Top 3): Randy Cabral, Todd Bertrand, Paul Scally.

NEMA LITES (Top 3): Avery Stohr, Ryan Locke, P.J. Stergios.

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PARCEL II – The land situated on Grape Street and Ames Avenue, in said Chicopee, containing Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-eight (8,538) square feet, more or less, and all as shown on a plan made by Durkee, White, Towne & Chapdelaine, Engineers, 1694 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, and numbered 77-3684, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: -

Parcel A: - Beginning at a point in the Easterly line of Grape Street, said point being one hundred five and 83/100 (105.83') feet North of the Northerly line of Front Street and being the Southwesterly corner of the Parcel herein described and land now or formerly of the Ames Museum Association, Inc.; thence N 16º 39' 53" E, sixty-eight and 01/100 (68.01') feet along Grape Street to a point at land now or formerly of John Stec; thence S 74º 30' E, ninety-eight and 58/100 (98.58') feet along said land now or formerly of Stec to a point; thence N 16º 01' E, forty-nine and 88/100 (49.88') feet along said land now or formerly of Stec to a point in the Southerly line of Ames Avenue; thence S 84º 50' E, fifteen (15') feet along said Ames Avenue to a point at land of the Ames Museum Association, Inc.; thence S 15º 30' W, one hundred twenty and 57/100 (120.57') feet along land now or formerly of the said Ames Museum Association. to a point; and thence N 74º 30' W, one hundred fifteen and 17/100 (115.17') feet along land of the said Ames Museum Association. to a point in the Easterly line of Grape Street, the point of beginning.

And the land situated on Front Street, Grape Street and Ames Avenue, in said Chicopee, containing thirty thousand six hundred ninety-two (30,692) square feet, more or less, and all as shown on a plan made by Durkee, White, Towne & Chapdelaine, Engineers, 1694 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, and numbered 77-3684, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: -

Parcel B: - Beginning at a point where the Northerly line of Front Street intersects with the Easterly line of Grape Street, said point being at the Southwesterly corner of the parcel herein described, and running thence N 16º 39' 55" E, one hundred five and 83/100 (105.83') feet along Grape Street to a point at land now or formerly of the Ames Museum Association, Inc.; thence S 74º 30' E, one hundred fifteen and 17/100 (115.17') feet along land now or formerly of said Ames Museum to a point; thence N 15º 30' E, one hundred twenty and 57/100 (120.57') feet along land now or formerly of said Ames Museum to a point in the Southerly line of Ames Avenue; thence S 84º 50' E, eighty (80') feet along Ames Avenue to a point at land now or formerly of Slowak; thence S 15º 30' W, two hundred forty and 73/100 (240.73') feet along land now or formerly of said Slowak, and land now or formerly of Turner to a point in the Northerly line of Front Street thence N 74º 30' W, one hundred ninety-six and 02/100 (196.02') feet along Front Street to a point in the Easterly line of Grape Street, the place of beginning.

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50 State Street
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Docket No. HD20P1094GD
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Nancy W Bassett
Of: Chicopee, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

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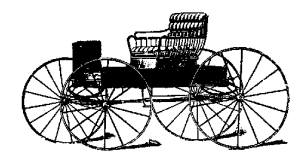

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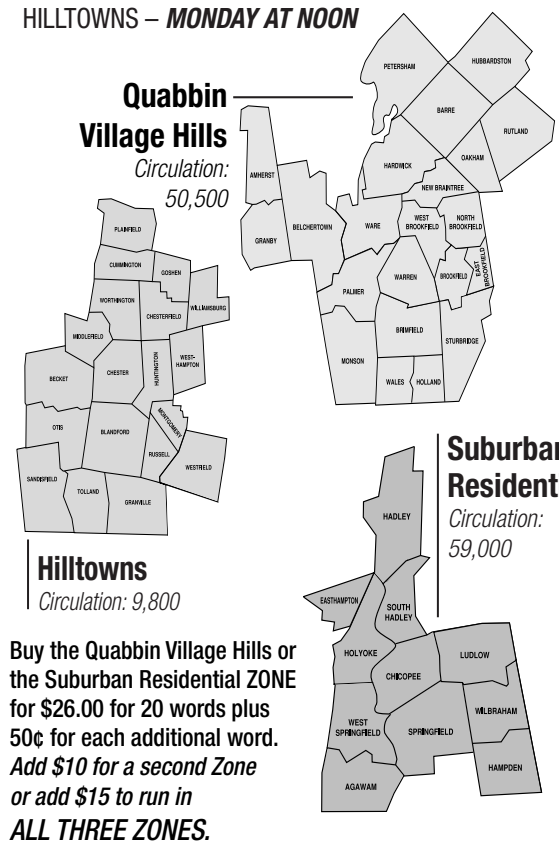

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the third day about 150. Today, we probably surpassed 250 people. It's been increasing every single day as word travels around. It was turkey dinner today so it's a very popular meal," said Wilk on July 23, the program's fourth session.

Each session features a hot meal. Food items range from, but are not limited to, chicken and turkey dinners, stuffed shells and lasagna, and turkey pot pie. Wilk has been thrilled by her staff's response to the challenge.

"They're incredible," she said. "We prepared for 200 meals today because it has exponentially just grown, but we surpassed 200 meals so the cook manager ran down and quickly threw together 50 more turkey dinners to make sure that we didn't run out of food."

Wilk and her colleagues are taking great pleasure in being able to converse with the seniors even if the conversations are minimal and held from more than six-feet-apart. She noted that the seniors, many of whom have been cooped up inside, have been very enthusiastic.

"The elderly are so grateful; its really inspiring to see," said Wilk. "If you live alone and are stuck in your home, it can obviously get lonely and sad. I think it's good to get out of the house and at least have some sort of contact with other people. Whether it's just a quick drive up or a quick conversation, I think it definitely helps."

Shifting focus to the upcoming school year, the Food Services Department is preparing for a variety of outcomes. Wilk described the intricate process of planning during a period of unprecedented uncertainty.

"Right now, we have to have a plan A, B, C, Z; basically prepare for everything," said Wilk. "We're kind of going with the same plan as a district to plan for in-person, a hybrid and a fully remote model and what feeding will look like for each of those circumstances. Planning as best we can, we are hoping to have kids eat in the cafeteria at a safe distance, but, again, anything can change."

The Food Services meal program is not currently affiliated with the Council on Aging's meal program, "Meals on Wheels."

The Chicopee Food Services Department is teaming up with WestMass ElderCare to offer local seniors meals twice each week.

A senior receives a meal from a Chicopee Food Services worker during a session of the department's summer meal program for the elderly. *STAFF PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI*

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soon return to their classrooms.

"If I'm not willing to sit in a School Committee meeting six feet apart with one of my School Committee members, how can I turn around and say, 'You're going to go to school with your students.' That would be hypocritical," said Lamothe.

Lamothe continued to note his opinion that it is easier to communicate in-person. While remote meetings have been effective, he believes that it is time to make a full transition back to Broadway Street.

"There was a maximum capacity that was set, but I think that we should all be able to be sat. There's enough room in that room to spread out the desks," he said. "I think that they should spread the desks out a little bit further and bring everyone back, but there are some who would prefer not to come back. I don't care if they want to come back; they can phone in."

Deborah Styckiewicz, Ward 5 representative, is against meeting in person. She offered her perspective on why the committee might be best served sticking to an online platform.

"I'm not for it only because I have underlying health problems and do not want to be amongst other people. Until they come out with a vaccine, I think it's too early; I can do it from home. To be honest, I'm very torn by this. It's very controversial," said Lamothe.

Chester Szetela, an at-large committee representative, is also a member of the senior population, which is highly vulnerable to COVID-19. That reality does not deter Szetela from his desire to meet in person.

"I feel very safe. I'm an 83-year-old man and have never felt better in my life. I like the idea of being there and seeing people as opposed to hearing voices. It's more effective for me to be in the same room listening to somebody face to face as opposed to the other option," said Szetela.

A number of committee members expressed their desire for the committee to return to a single platform; be it in person or online. During this critical time, Schryver hopes that the committee can return to the same page and possibly room.

"It shouldn't have to be like this. We should all be working together. We all know there's a pandemic out there," he said. "I don't want to sit here and make this a whole rant about who's right and who's wrong. I'd rather see us working together as a complete committee rather than as a half here and half there committee. I think that we work a lot better together than apart."

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Danger returns to the area, daredevil signs biography

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff writer

PALMER – Doug "Danger" Senecal, the pride of Palmer and one of the greatest stuntmen of his generation, made his homecoming on July 24 during a book signing at the Steaming Tender Restaurant. The 58-year-old daredevil has performed all over the world but relished the opportunity to return to his humble beginnings.

"We're kicking off the book-signing tour, and where else can you do it but your hometown?" said Senecal, promoting "Doug Danger, Dare to Dream: From Tragedy to Triumph."

Senecal is a world record holding motorcycle jumper who first entered the Guinness Book of World Records in 1991. Over the course of his career, he's jumped over school buses, tractor-trailer trucks and jumbo jets from wingtip to wingtip.

His trials and tribulations have been well-publicized. As a stuntman, Senecal has broken approximately 50 bones; one incident landed him in a coma for more than a month.

Last Friday, he reminisced on his incredible journey, crediting the people of Palmer for their longstanding belief in him.

"The greatest people come from somewhere. All I can say is that the people in the town of Palmer inspired me to chase my dreams," said Senecal. "I had a great past, and this town was the absolute greatest to grow up in. We had great people, great teachers, great police officers; this is just such a beautiful place."

Senecal fondly recalled riding through sand pits and wooded trails. Palmer was home to his first stunts; one that he performed inside of Palmer High School during his sophomore year is still remembered more than 40 years later.

On the last day of school, Senecal rode his motorbike through the halls of the high school. That said, the act that led to his dismissal and eventual enrollment at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School almost never occurred.

"We had talked about doing it for awhile, and it started circulating around the school. I started thinking 'This is way too big; I'm going to get in trouble,'" said Senecal. "I was going to back off, and then two guys from the football team who played the offensive line came up to me and said, 'What time you going?' I told them I thought about it and wasn't going to do it. They said, 'Oh, we got money on you; you're going. What time?' They held the doors open for me, and the rest is history."

Senecal launched his stunt career in 1979, jumping over 10 cars in Palmer. From there, he never looked back.

Senecal earned his first world record in 1985 after completing a jump over 14 school buses. In 1991, he entered the Guinness Book of World Records by jumping 251 feet over 42 cars.

Spread between his many successes, however, are numerous failures; several of which nearly cost Senecal his life.

While Senecal had experienced numerous bone-breaking crashes, during one of which he caught on fire, Senecal is sure that he cheated death on a summer afternoon in 1992.

During a July practice jump at Hudson Speedway in New Hampshire, Senecal slammed head first into a three-foot concrete retaining wall, suffering brain damage, prolonged amnesia and 17 broken bones. When it was widely assumed that Senecal's career was over, the stuntman instead made his greatest leap.

"When I missed that jump at Hudson Speedway and hit that cement wall, I was very slow after because I had brain damage; people treated me very differently," he said. "I didn't like being treated that way. My brother sent me video of the crash and other jumps I had, and I was like that's who I was? I want to be that guy again. If I did it before, I had to be able to do it again."

Defying expectations, Senecal returned to the ramp, more committed than ever to land an extreme jump. Slowly but surely he built back his confidence and skill before successfully leaping over 18 tractor-trailer trucks in Las Vegas in 1999.

Several years later, Senecal returned to the scene of his 1992 New Hampshire incident to conquer the same jump that had nearly doomed him. He described what propelled him to one of his greatest accomplishments.

"After that crash, when I came to, I had no memory of anything in my past, but I wanted to come back and redo the jump," said Senecal. "The night that I booked it, I was laying there in bed. I saw the whole jump; it came to me. I saw that the ramps weren't quite set right. When I landed, I went straight up into the wall. Just before I hit the wall, I woke right up; sweat pouring off me and everything else. But I learned what I did wrong. I went back and redid it. It was like, 'You beat me last time, but I got you this time.'"

Senecal recaptured his past glory in the early 2000s, completing a variety of jumps on tours that took him to countries across the globe.

In 2012, he conquered a new opponent by defeating Stage 4 cancer. Senecal returned to jumping soon after and explained the philosophy that has enabled him to overcome adversity time and time again.

"You have to look at every failure as a learning experience. Learn from it and don't ever do it again. As long as you do that and keep your chin up and keep going forward, you're going to get where you want to be," he said.

Today, Danger lives in Florida and continues to perform, jumping vehicles that range from motorbikes to monster trucks. "Doug Danger, Dare to Dream: From Tragedy to Triumph," is a newly-released biographical work written by Senecal's cousin, Steven Hall, who lives in Stubridge.

Hall, with his wife, Janet, are authors of "15 Rules For a Loving, Lasting, and Satisfying Relationship." He is

The publication is available on numerous platforms, including Amazon.

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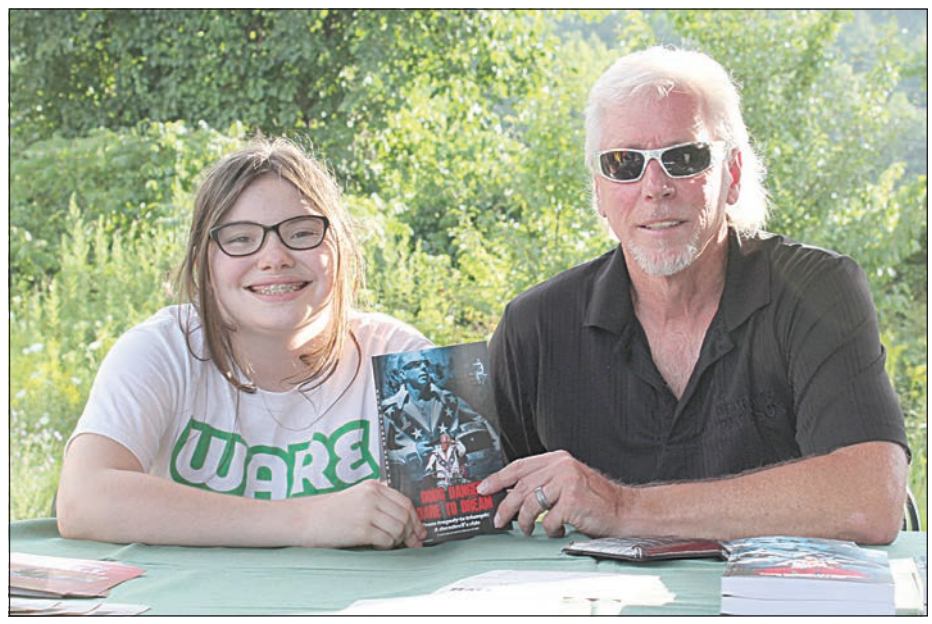

Legendary stuntman Doug Danger poses with 12-year-old fan and family member Kaylyn Hall during an appearance at the Steaming Tender Restaurant in Palmer on July 24.

Dozens of fans came out to the Steaming Tender Restaurant last Friday to interact with successful stuntman and Palmer product Doug Danger. STAFF PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

Fans came to the Steaming Tender last Friday night to get Doug Danger to sign his biography, "Doug Danger, Dare to Dream: From Tragedy to Triumph," written by his cousin Steven Hall, of Sturbridge.

A Doug Danger fan enjoys a video as he waits to speak with Doug Danger at a book signing on July 24.

Doug Danger, a legendary stuntman, loves dogs as much as adrenaline.